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## **TENNESSEE OFFICE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES WINS NATIONAL AWARD**

OIR LAUDED FOR STATE GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

**Nashville** - The National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) has awarded Tennessee with a NASCIO Recognition Award for Accessibility and Participation.

Tennessee Chief Information Officer Richard Rognehaugh said Tennessee's Office of Information Resources (OIR), a division of the State Department of Finance and Administration, received the award based on its support of a statewide network that economically spans all 95 counties, called the Tennessee Information Infrastructure, or TNII.

"Many state agencies, post-secondary schools, city and county libraries, and city and county government offices are now able to select communication options, including different circuit speeds from our TNII catalog of services," said Rognehaugh. "The catalog provides uniform pricing and universal access for all Tennessee counties, and is a service we've been proud to offer. We're pleased to have been recognized for these efforts."

"Tennessee was the first of 50 states to build a network supporting data, voice, and video with 24-hour surveillance through an alliance with Bell South, Qwest, and subcontractors," Tom Hickerson, Tennessee's executive director for statewide Operations and Infrastructure, added. "We look forward providing one-stop service through TNII to present and future local government users at an economical cost."

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